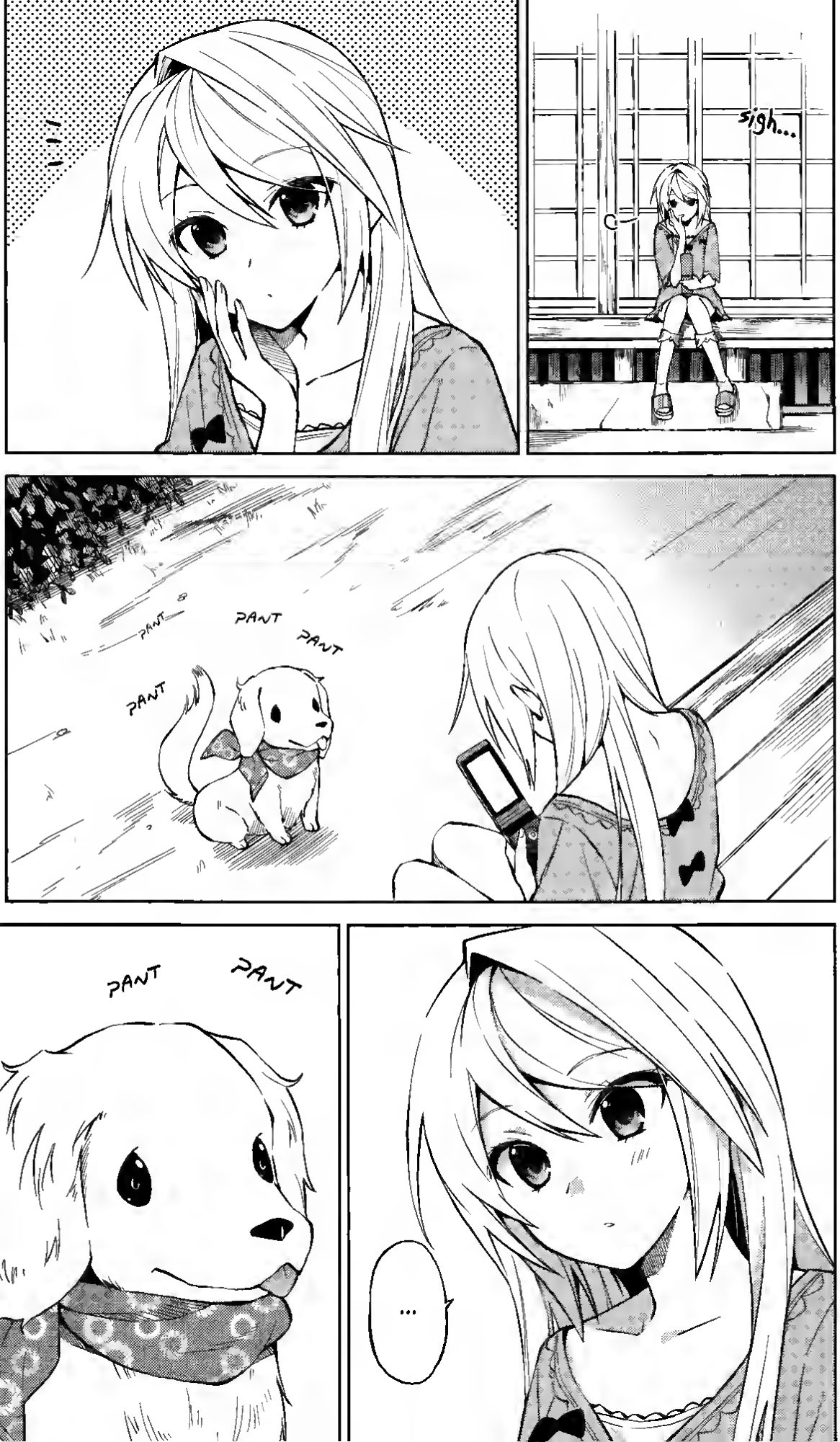
CHAPTER 6: ANMITSU AND POSTCARD AND IRUKA

click
click
rustle
click
Composing Mail
To: Mom
Sub: Are you doing well?
Text: It's been a while.
Delete?
click
Yes
...
Hmm...


sigh...
PANT
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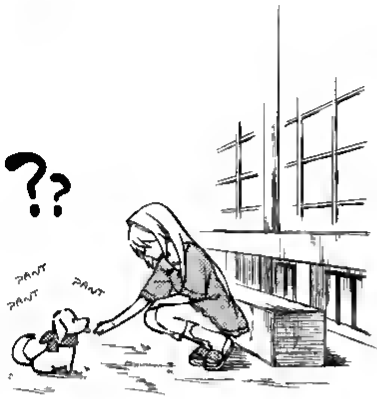
PANT
...

REST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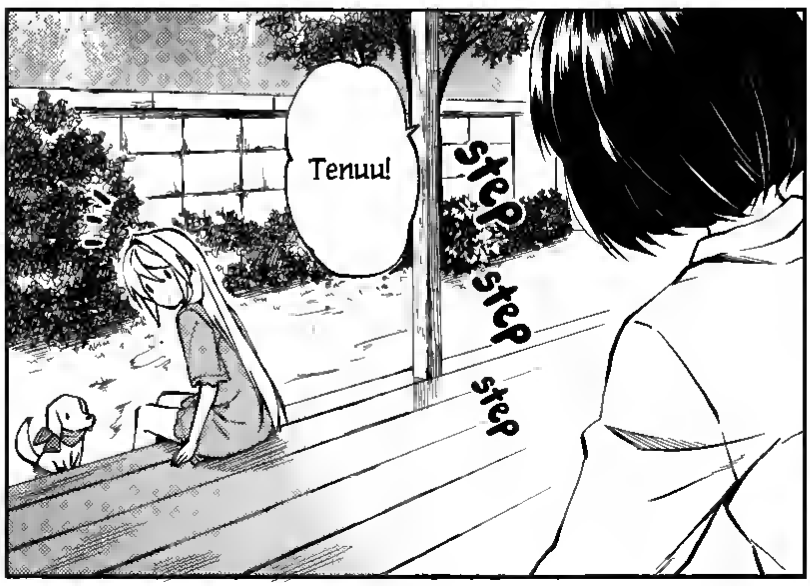
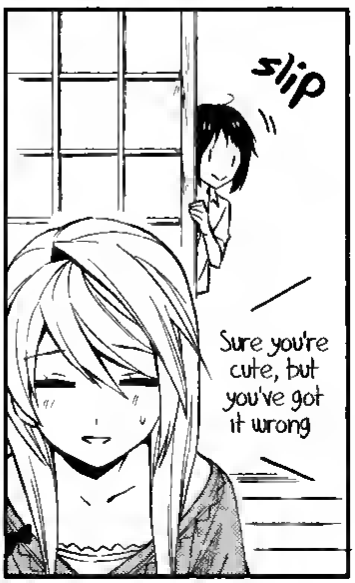
PANT
PANT
PANT

reach
Paw.

N-...
Not quite...
?!?!


Tenuu!
step
step
step

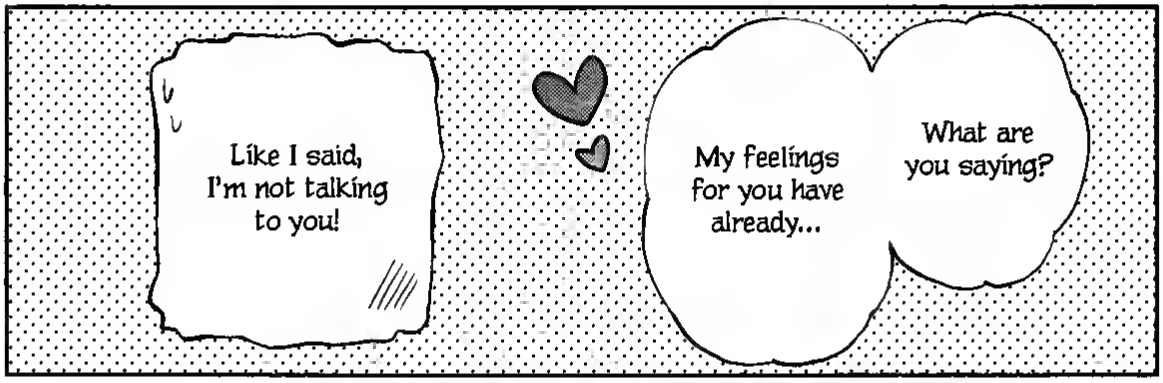

slip
Sure you're cute, but you've got it wrong

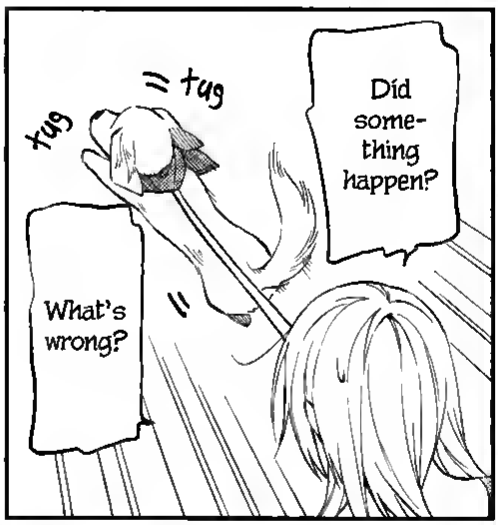
...
Good for you! Okay, okay, pawl
wag
wag
wag
You're playing with Riko-chan?
step
step
Hm?
wag
wag
Must be nice...
Mumble
E-Ehh...?
PET
PET
Okay, okaay Riko-chan, you're really cute, too~
...
GRIN

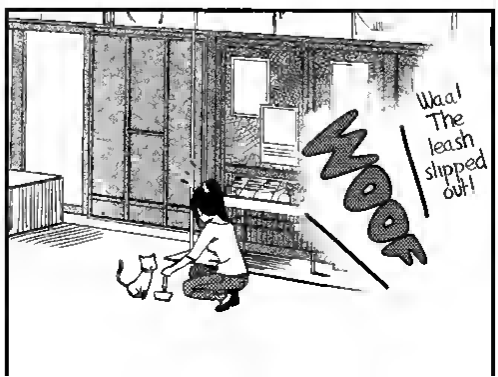
pass
haha
Geez
That's not what I meant!
Nihaha♪
giggle
Want to walk Tenu together?
Woof
Hey, Riko-chan.
Hm?

pant
trot
pant
trot
trot
wag
wag

I wonder if we can become closer if we keep taking walks together like this...


Like I said, I'm not talking to you!
My feelings for you have already...
What are you saying?


tug
tug
Did something happen?
What's wrong?


WOOF
Waa! The leash slipped out!

Eh?
WOOF

twitch

SPARKLE...
Ohhh, Tenu!
Welcome~!
Wa?
WOOF
Hm?
STEP
STEP
Excuse me!
Hmm?
SLIDE...

Ah

I'm sorry.
I give up.
whip
?

Hm... Um...
staaaaare...

I'm sorry... I can't remember your name.
Ah, um...

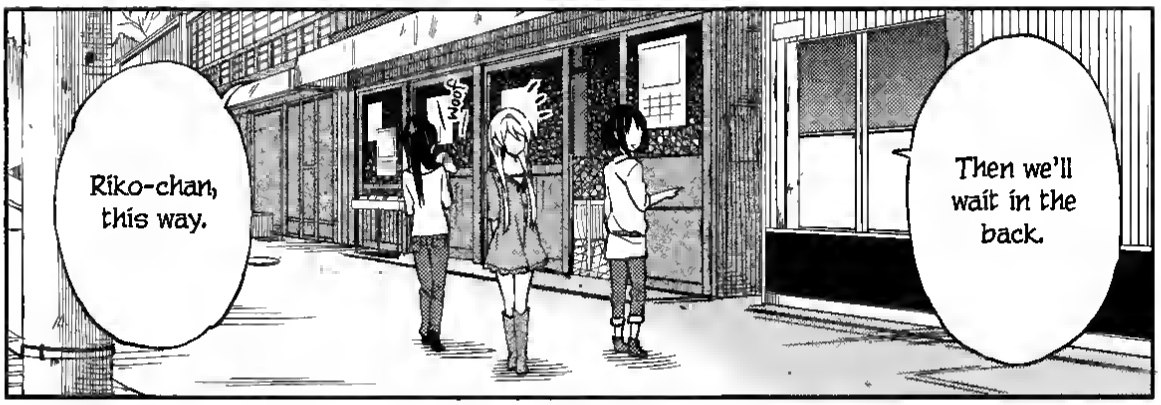
Ah, right, riiight!

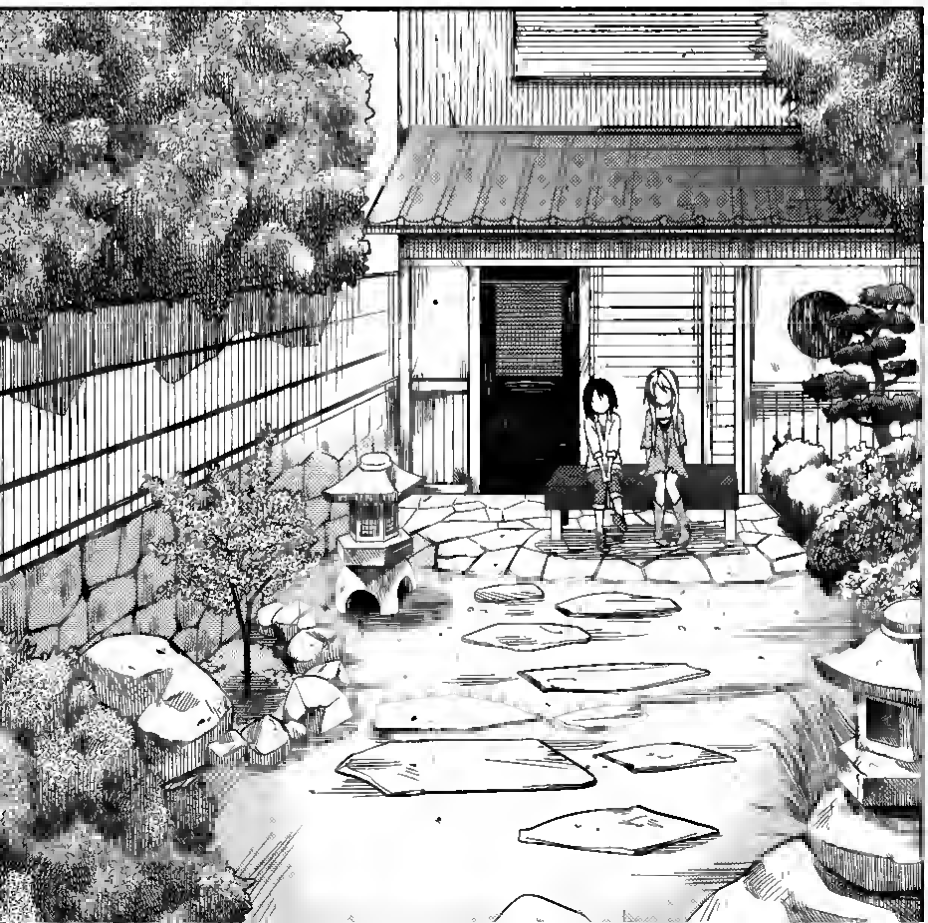
We met around last week.
I'm Kurosaki Riko...
bow

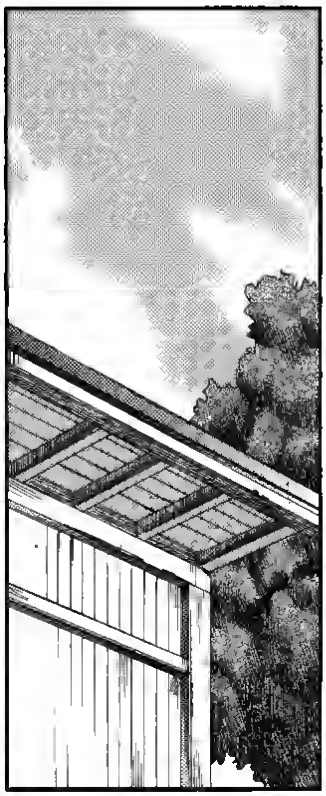
You were at the opening ceremony of Irukawa Girl's High, right?
I thought that you were really pretty, so I remembered your face, but...
Sorry,
I'm terrible with names...
Yuuko-san!
I'm here, too!
Oh my, thanks for all your help~
Um, your name was...
Sakura-chan!
That's my surname!
My given name is Haru!
Oh... Yes, that's right. Ehe ♥
Geez! And yet you remember Tenu's name!
=3

I think I'll be able to remember your names, then!
Want to eat some anmitsu in the back?
...I know!
SO STINGY!
Ufu♥
toys
& Suzuyo
...Your treat?
Of course not, I won't give you anything if you're broke♥
Anmitsu, huh...?
SPACING OUT
Sounds nice...
Ku...!
clench...

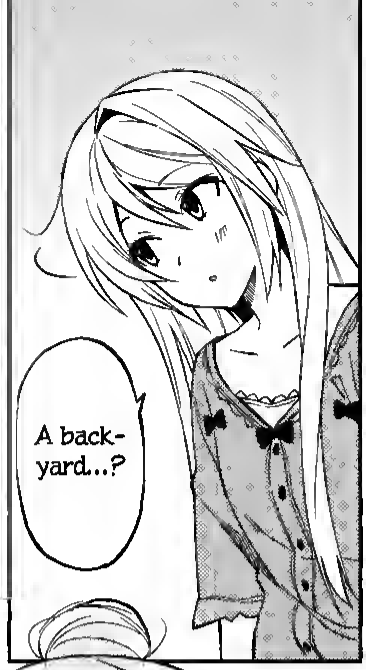
Thank you for your patronage!
I'll make an exception for Riko-chan this time...
We'll have two Shiratama Anmitsu.
Pii

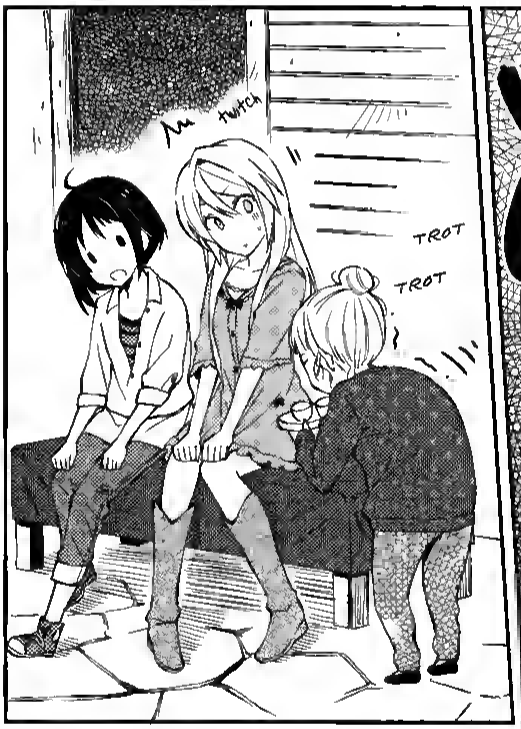

Riko-chan, this way.
Then we'll wait in the back.

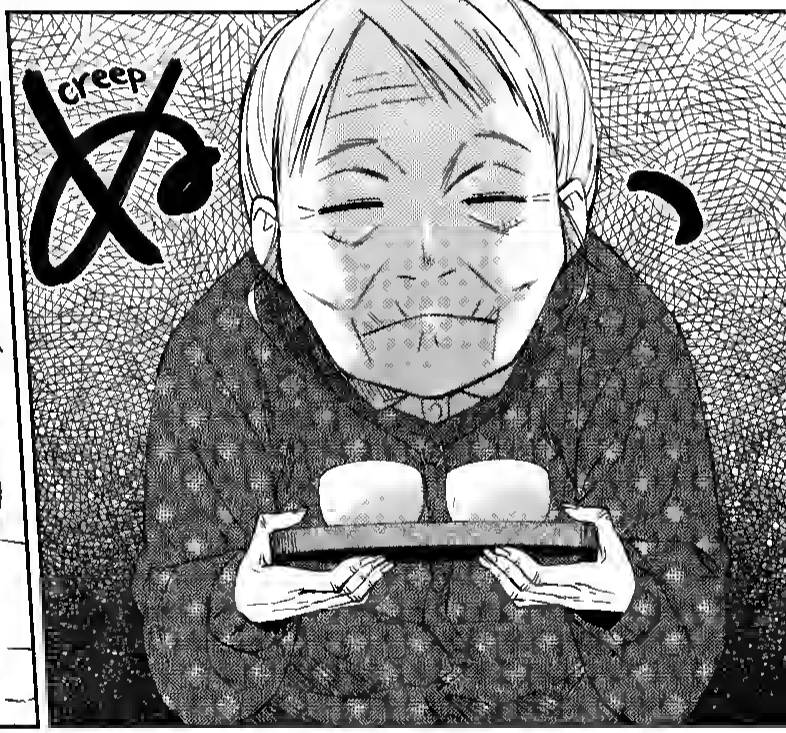




You can even get shaved ice here during summer.
Reaally?
This is a cheap sweets store,
and yet they have anmitsu in the back?


A back-yard...?


twitch
TROT
TROT


creep

Th...
Thank you...

quiver
quiver

reach
CLATTER
CLATTER

peek
peek
SMILE
Please enjoy yourselves.
That was the shopkeeper, Shizue-san.
I... I see...
Your order of two Shiratama Anmitsu!
YAY! IT'S HERE!
Here~♥

Wow...

Your total is 1200 yen, okay?
cha-ching
TELL ME THAT AFTER WE FINISH EATING!
It's cute!

HMPH!
Pfff

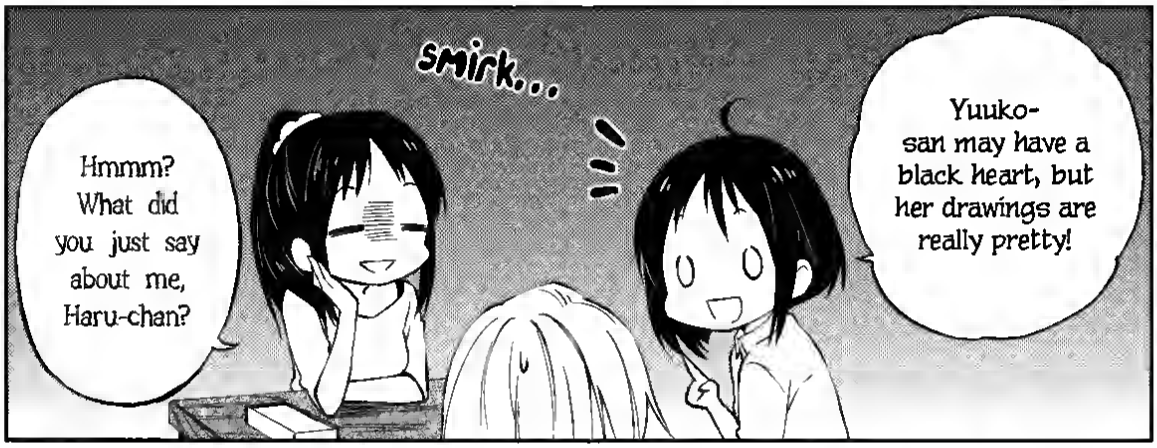
I'm joking! Geez, you're so cuute♥
I won't forgive you if you dine and dash, okay?
AS IF I'D DO THAT!
...

cha-ching
Thank you very much♪
Here's a special service♥
A postcard?
?
I'm the one who drew it.
OOO
SMILE
Such a pretty picture...

I'm aiming to be a professional illustrator.
...Something like that.
hmhmm
Yup.
Ehh? You're an artist?!
Amazing...
Unfortunately, there aren't any seas or aquariums around,
so the image I have is probably wrong.
I made dolphins the symbol of the town, but...
I'm using the name "Irukawa" as an excuse.
Is this town...?

It looks like the tourists wonder "Why dolphins?"
Ah...
Actually, I'm kinda wondering that, too...
Simply put... It's really just wordplay...
Fu fu
Well, when I say it out loud, it sounds like some lame attempt at being punny.
That's why I ended up drawing dolphins.
But I'll just go along with it.
After all, I like this town, and I like to draw.
slide

Thank you.
It looks like you'll come to love Irukawa someday, too.
...It sounds lovely.


smirk...
Hmmm? What did you just say about me, Haru-chan?
Yuuko-san may have a black heart, but her drawings are really pretty!

...I
love this drawing.

...
Waah! I'm so sorry!

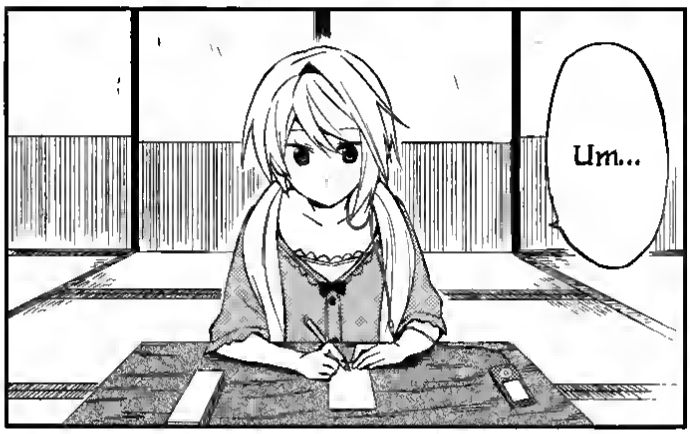
Really?
SPARKLE

I'm so glaad!
Please give one to your friends and family~!
I'll give you as many as you want!
Is that okay?
Thank you very much!
Ah,
but if you please,
if you know anyone who might be connected to illustration jobs, please give one to them~!
KEEP UP THE BUSINESS!
salute
Of course♥
Ah... Hahaha...
I happen to know someone...
So I'll help you out.
Oh my~ Really?!

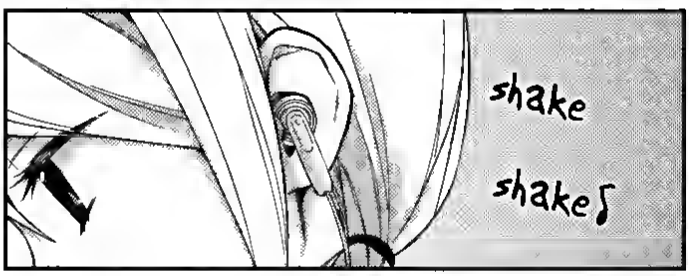
IT'S "RIKO"!
Guriko-chan?!
I'll leave it to you!
Thank you so much!!
Um...
What was it...
Uh...

Eh?
to your mom?
Hey, Riko-chan.
Are you giving that postcard

Because...
Y-yeah, but...
How did you know?
?!
BLUSH
Earlier today, I saw you at the front porch staring at your cell phone.
You seemed lonely being separated from your mom.
I'M NOT LONELY!
AND DON'T STALK ME!!
KYAAA♥
I...
Oh, I was stalking you from behind the pillars, sorry!
Tee hee


Um...

Dear Mom How
scribble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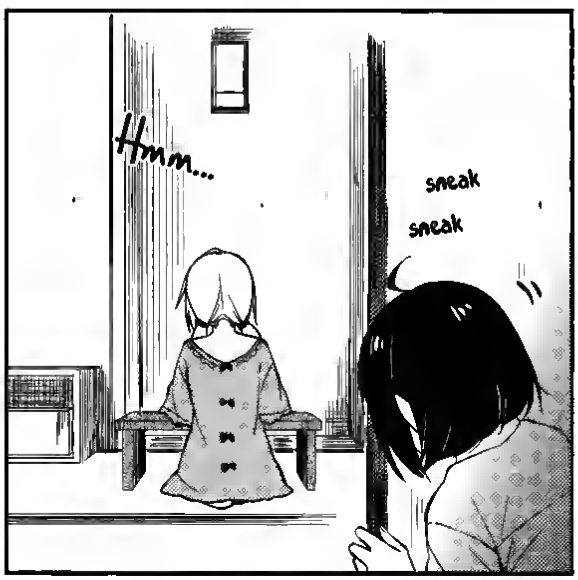
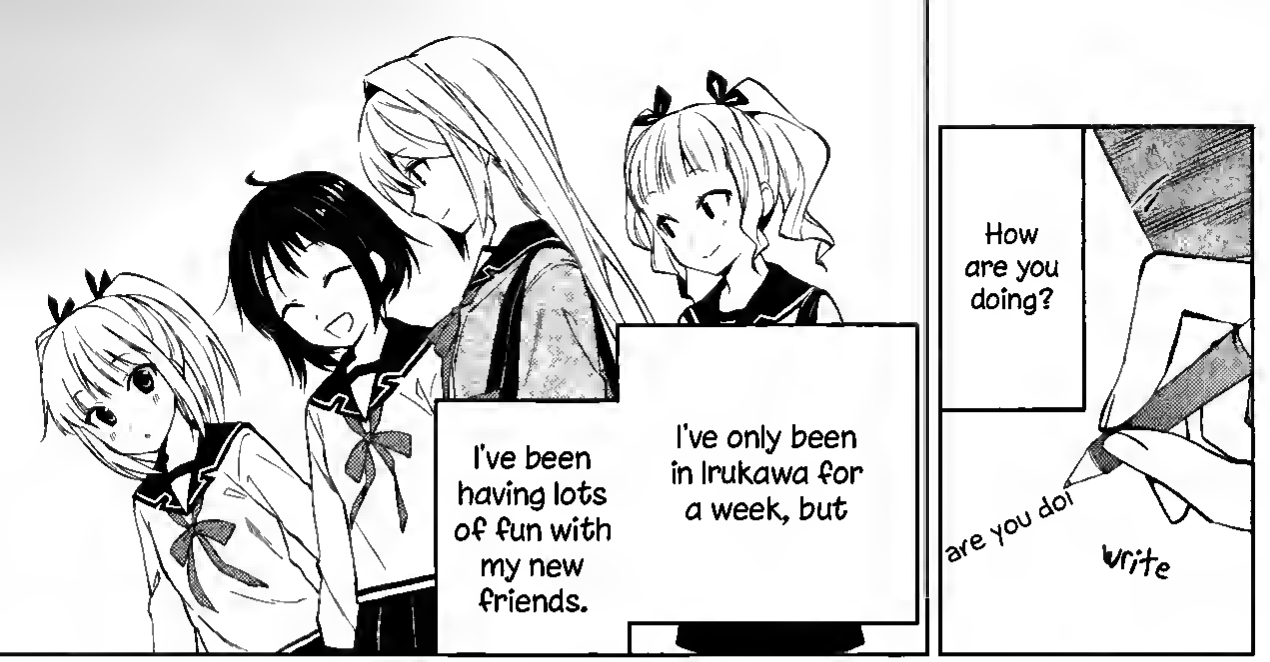
shake


Hmm...
sneak
sneak

slide...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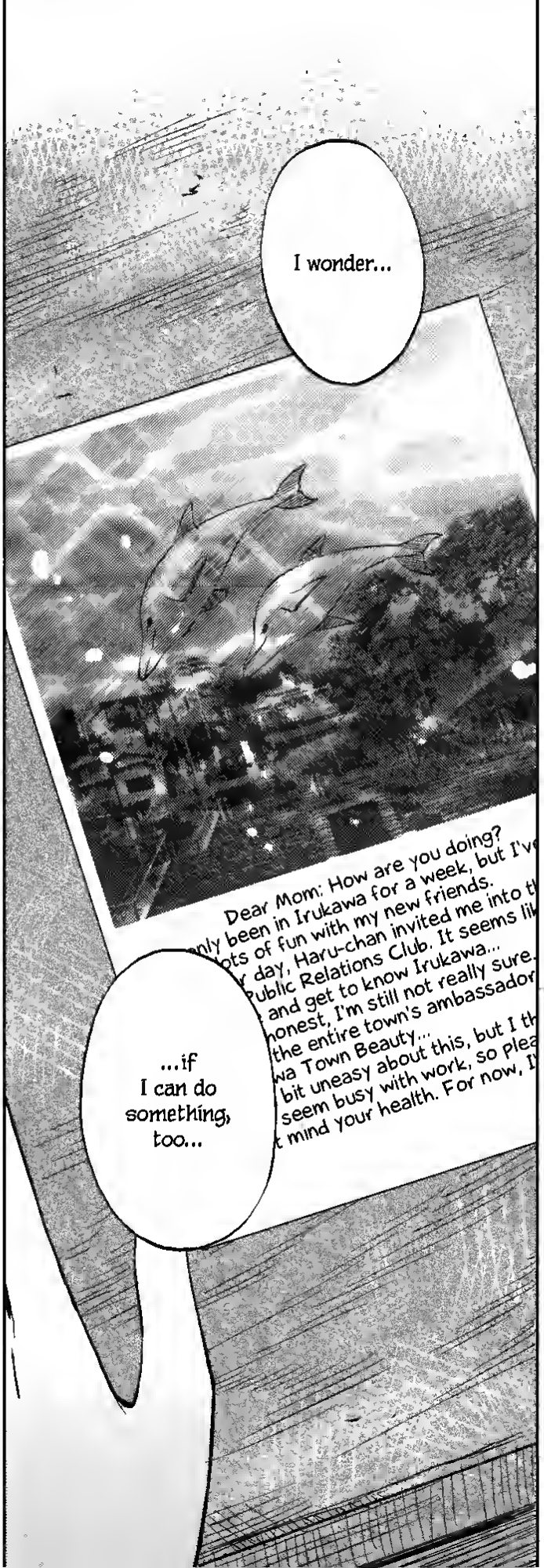
I've been having lots of fun with my new friends.
How are you doing?
are you doi
write

But to be honest, I'm still not really sure.
It seems like a club to explore and get to know Irukawa...
STAAAAARE...
The other day, Haru-chan invited me into the Irukawa Public Relations Club.

I'm still a bit uneasy about this, but I think it'll be fun.
It looks like I'll be the entire town's ambassador, acting as the Irukawa Town Beauty...
GRIN
GRIN

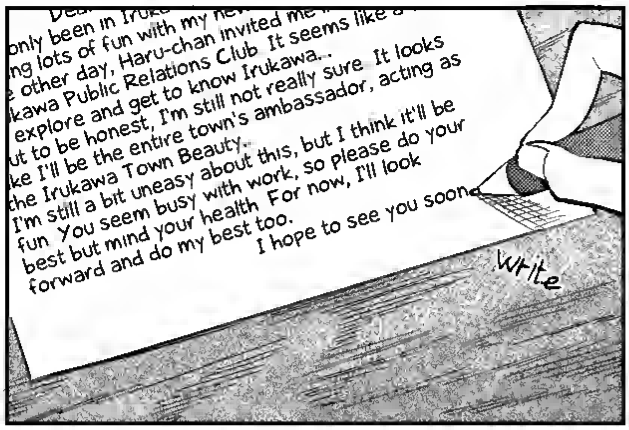

I wonder...
Dear Mom: How are you doing?
...if I can do something, too...

You seem busy with work,
so please do your best, but mind your health.
kick
kick

write

I...

I'm done.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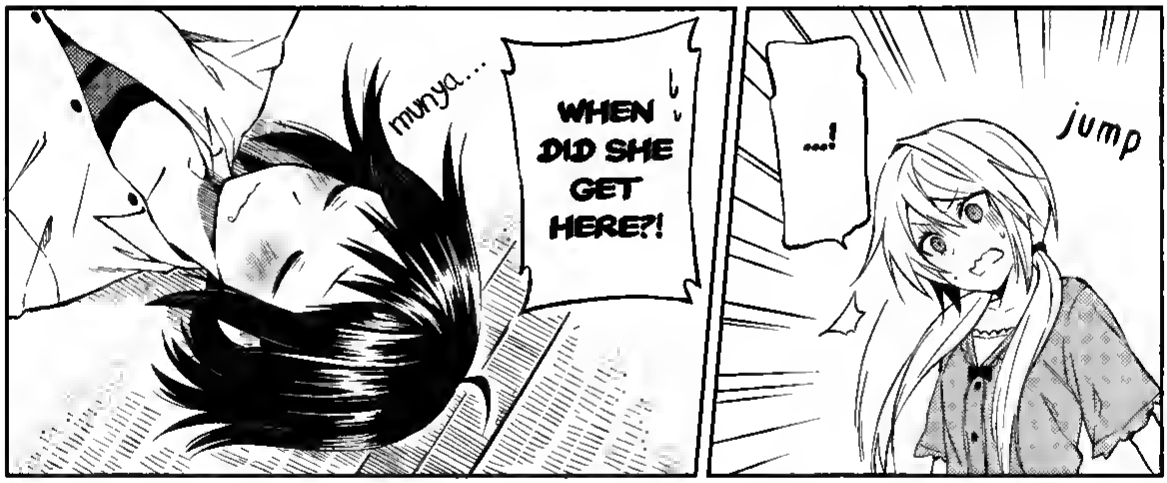
best but mind your health For now, I'll look
forward and do my best too.
I hope to see you soon
write

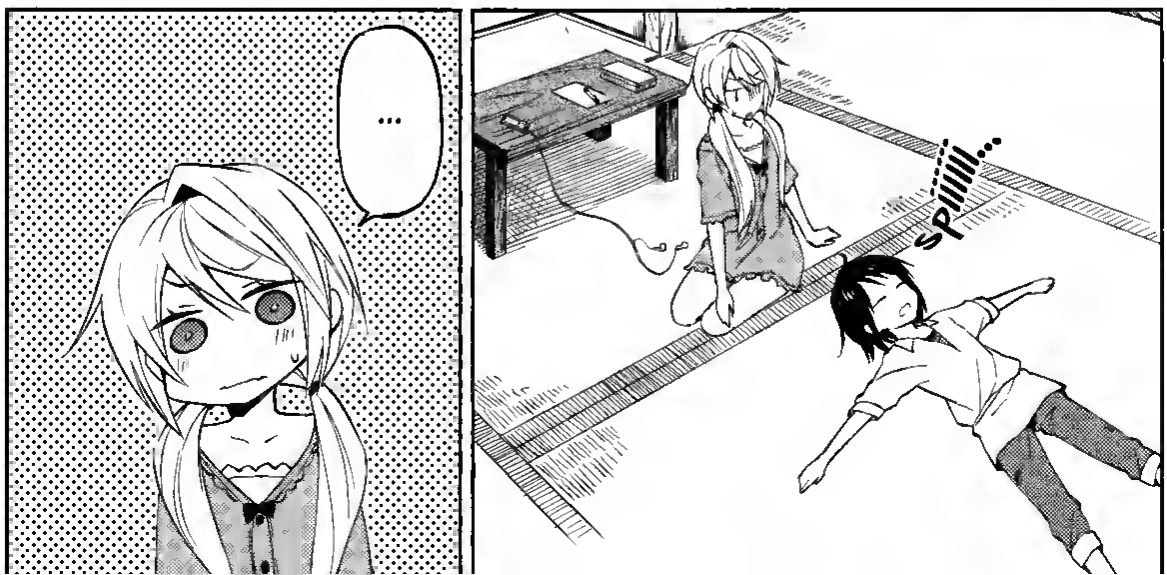
clatter

thud
Hm?

Haaa
stretch

HIEE?!


munya...
WHEN DID SHE GET HERE?!
...!
jump


...
spiiiii...

pfft....
unyu...
roll
What a silly face...
Dear Mom, How are you doing? I've only been in Fukuoka for a week, but I've been having lots of fun with my new friends. The other day, Natsuhiko invited me into the Takeuchi public Natsuhiko Club. It seems like a club for anime and games. I'm still not sure. It looks like it'll be the entire town's summer festival. I'm still a bit unsure about this, but I think it'll be fun. You seem busy with work, but I think it'll be best for mind your health. For now, I'll look forward and do my best. I'm here to see you soon
Mmmm...
Eh!

I don't have a mother complex!

AFTERWORD

Hi, everyone, first reader or not.
This is Hijiki.
Riko & Haru finally got their tankoubon, too!
This is my first tankoubon of a story of my own making.
I will continue to do my best, so I hope I can count on you, too.

★ Staff I relied on:

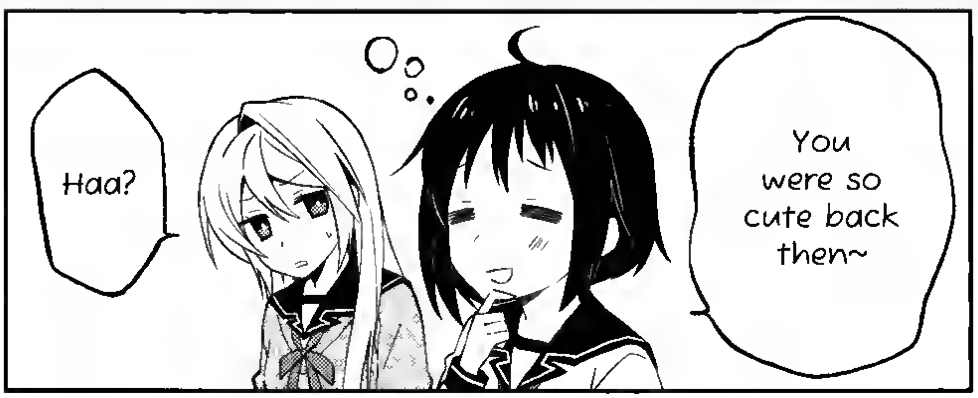
- Pome-san, for drawing some of the backgrounds. Thank you very much!

★ Background music I relied on:

- Mostly **Asami Imai** ^9^
  On November 30, 2011, four days after this tankoubon comes out, she'll release her second album **"Aroma of happiness."** I'm really looking forward to it. Let's all listen to it! (Important!)

← Next, an omake.

3-year old Haru
3-year old Riko
TROT
TROT
Haru-chan!
Ah, Riko-chan, don't cry!
FUE
Ah!
thud



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